Notice of Rule Proposals

The following rule proposals are either scheduled or have already been published in the New Jersey Register for a 60-day public comment period on the proposal dates listed below.

1. <u>Hospital Licensing Standards: Performance Measurement and Assessment System, N.J.A.C. 8:43G-27.6</u>

Proposal Date: 11/18/02

Comment Period Closes: 1/17/03

Synopsis and Purpose of Rulemaking: The Department of Health and Senior Services amends the reporting date and data collection requirements for the state's general hospitals. The existing hospital performance measures, which no longer satisfy the standards for effective performance measures, are removed and replaced with language that changes the approach reflected in the rules to provide a process that enables an update without formal rulemaking of performance measures that hospitals must collect and report. Ongoing consultation with the Quality Improvement Advisory Committee (QIAC) is required, ultimately leading toward a process of disseminating aggregate performance data to hospitals prior to public release.